Indian including the including the introduction of a regional languages service in ten regional languages, an increase in the number of fiction based programmes etc.

Reception of the newly introduced Doordarshan Channels

548. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that, the viewers throughout the country, and even in Delhi, are not receiving good reception of the newly introduced channels of Doordarshan and are confused by the numerous types of antennae in the market and they have to depend either on costly dish antenna or on Cable TV operators;

(b) the details or specifications of antennae or dish antennae required for various cities States to receive the new channels without changing antenna direction every time and the details of action taken to notify the specifications from each TV centre State and whether the same has been issued to antennae manufacturers; and

(c) the details of negotiations and agreements made, if any, with the Cable TV Operators in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The necessary details are available at the various Doordarshan Kendras in the country which can be obtained by any individual cable operator. No negotiations are required on this account.

Radio Paging Service of All India Radio

549. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: SHRI GOVINDRAO RAMRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) wether it is a fact that the All India Radio contemplate to launch the Radio Paging Service; and

(b) if so, what are the modalities of the working thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The said service would be provided by utilising the existig capacity on the FM transmitters of All India Radio to transmit data signals without affecting the main programme.

Live Telecast and Broadcast of Hero Cup Tournament by Doordarshan

550. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the matches of Hero Cup Tournament have been telecast live on Doordarshan and running commentary of the same has been broadcast by All India Radio; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The initial matches of the said tournament were not covered by All